

## Message Text

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
INFO CHUSMTN DHAHRAN  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 004553

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, SA

SUBJECT: AMMUNITION FACTORY AT AL KHARJ

REFERENCE: JIDDA 0047, 031014Z, JAN

1. APPRECIATE VIEWS EXPRESSED REFTTEL. WE AND DOD ARE IN  
PROCESS OF ASSEMBLING INFO WHICH WOULD ENABLE US TO TAKE A  
DECISION ON SAUDI REQUEST FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE FOR AMMUNITION  
MANUFACTURE. OWING TO POLITICAL SENSITIVITY OF THIS SUB-  
JECT, WE WISH TO HAVE FULLY PREPARED BACKGROUND IF DECISION  
IS MADE TO PRESENT PROJECT TO CONGRESS. ON BASIS OF WORK  
DONE TO DATE, WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT WE WILL BE IN POSI-  
TION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THIS MATTER BEFORE AT LEAST  
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ONE MONTH HAS PASSED.

2. RE QUESTIONS RAISED PARA 4, IT IS PROBABLE THAT AMMUNI-  
TION MANUFACTURED UTILIZING U.S. TECHNOLOGY OR COMPONENTS ON  
U.S. MUNITIONS LIST WOULD BE SUBJECT TO USUAL THIRD PARTY  
TRANSFER ASSURANCES. IN CO-PRODUCTION PROJECTS OF THIS KIND,  
U.S. WILL GIVE APPROVAL FOR EXPORT OF INDIGENOUSLY-PRODUCED

ITEMS ONLY IF U.S. ITSELF WOULD TRANSFER THEM TO PROPOSED  
RECIPIENT.  
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## Message Attributes

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